

Since the Daughters of Charity accepted their first patient on July 18, 1872, Ascension St. Vincent, formerly St. Mary's, Evansville has remained true to its mission.

They say: "We have a mission, a reason for being here, to keep healthcare human; human for our patients, human for our families, human for our doctors, and human for all our associates. The poor will come, and the rich will come, if they know they are going to be treated as people."

For the last 150 years, this hospital has been a leader in medical innovation and care. In fact, it was one of the first in the region with operating room lighting, something that I acutely appreciate because I am a surgeon myself. It also hosted the first accredited cancer program and the first level 3 neonatal intensive care unit in the tri-State region.

I am grateful for Ascension St. Vincent Evansville's continued commitment to caring for all Hoosiers and wish them a happy 150th anniversary.

DROP IN LEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an unaddressed contributor to labor shortages across our economy, a drop in legal immigration.

Researchers at the University of California at Davis found that: "By the end of 2021 there were about 2 million fewer working-age immigrants living in the United States than there would have been if the pre-2020 immigration trend had continued unchanged."

This has hit certain industries hard, including food, hospitality, construction, transportation, and healthcare, particularly nursing, at a time when our economy is overheating in its recovery from COVID-19.

A significant part of lowering cost and avoiding a recession is expanding the productive capacity of the economy. Until we address staffing shortfalls, we will continue to artificially constrain the supply side of our economy and drive up costs for everyday people. We must recognize and reverse this trend by clearing the visa backlog, documenting immigrants and Dreamers already here, and increasing caps for both immigration and refugee resettlement. It is not just a moral imperative; it is an economic one.

CORPORAL JOSEPH RODNEY CHAPMAN IS A HERO

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an incredible American hero from the small town of Freeport, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Joseph Rodney Chapman was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, and he fought with the 80th Infantry Division in World War II. He fought across France, was wounded twice in the process, and earned a Bronze Star for his heroic actions to destroy a German machine gun and its crew.

In the spring of 1944, as the Allies continued to drive the enemy into retreat, Corporal Chapman found himself under enemy fire and was taken as a prisoner of war.

After returning home to Pennsylvania, he worked for the post office in Freeport for 35 years as a mail carrier and clerk. He was married to his late wife, Mary, for 69 years, and he just celebrated a very happy 100th birthday this past October.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Chapman is the epitome of the American spirit. Therefore, I am incredibly proud to introduce legislation today that would rename the very post office Mr. Chapman worked at in his honor. He has devoted his life to his country and his community, and for that we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

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ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, I had the privilege of taking some of our young high school students and visitors throughout the Capitol.

What a sense of pride I had in the beauty of this Capitol, the beauty of this building, but what it symbolizes is democracy.

As I walked through the Halls, I was reminded of the important hearings that are going on in the January 6th Committee. The most recent hearing made it very clear that the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys came specifically at the calling of President Trump. The terrorism that occurred was driven by his lack of accepting the peaceful transfer of government. It was the big lie.

What we saw on that day, January 6, was domestic terrorism on steroids, destined to commit mayhem, bloodshed, and death. It was an attack on democracy, and it is being evidenced every day that the hearings proceed methodically, block by block, evidence by evidence. It is clear in the injury of law enforcement officers and loss of life that we have to say to those of this Nation: You have to take ownership of protecting the values and the sanctity of democracy.

Yes, someone must be held accountable. The President must be held accountable because what happened was not only an attack on democracy and the peaceful transfer of government, but loss of life and death, and that cannot go unanswered.

AN UNBORN CHILD IS A HUMAN LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CORREA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2,500 unborn lives we lose to abortion each day who cannot stand for themselves. That is nearly half a million little boys and little girls in the United States alone this year. These numbers don't reflect, though, and take into consideration self-administered chemical abortions.

Last month, the Supreme Court announced what the pro-life movement was waiting half a century to hear: Roe v. Wade is overturned. As a proud pro-life grandfather of 10, I enthusiastically applaud the Justices for recognizing that this terrible relic from 1973 has no place in 2022.

Roe was both a legal and moral abomination from the beginning. It mocked our Nation's Constitution and paved the way for the abortion of more than 63 million innocent babies in the years since.

The men who first decided Roe invented the right to abortion out of thin air. By adding an extra line to our Constitution, they ignored one of the first sentences of the Declaration of Independence, which holds that we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

With Roe in the dustbin of history, the abortion question returns to the democratic arena where it belongs. The most contentious of issues can now be properly debated and deliberated at both the Federal and State levels, where, ideally, the most logical and persuasive arguments can triumph and translate into new law.

Let us have clear eyes to see exactly what science shows us, that fetuses in the womb are human beings who develop with each passing second. These innocent children have their own DNA and soon develop hands, feet, eyes, and lips. They can also feel pain. Just as importantly, they have the potential to grow up, flourish, and achieve amazing dreams. Let us have the compassion to give them that chance.

For those of us in elected office who sincerely believe that human life is a sacred gift from God in need of society's protection, our position is no